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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Mail Stop Amendment
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Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of the Advisory Action mailed on April 7, 2006 for the Application identified above. In that Advisory Action, the Examiner refused to enter the claim amendments contained in Applicants' March 17th Amendment After Final, and consequently is maintaining her rejection of pending claims 1, 6, and 24.

The Examiner explained in the Advisory Action that she refused to enter the claim amendments because they allegedly raised new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. More specifically, she stated that:

The amendments add additional limitations or alter existing limitations that would require further consideration and possibly searching. For example, in claim 1 several limitations have been added such as providing an incentive to a participant, prior successive performance levels, and a hierarchy.